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Tamil Nadu					
2003-04	19350	12738	29025	19107	9534
2004-05	20000	16860	30000	25290	12620

^ The final figures for 2004-05, yet to be received from the Reserve Bank of India, and are likely to increase further.

* Employment generated is estimated @ 1.5 per unit disbursed loan.

** According to the findings of the 2nd round of evaluation study on PMRY, 49.9 per cent of total beneficiaries belong to the rural area. Therefore, employment generated in rural non-farm sector is estimated at 49.9 per cent of total employment opportunities generated.

Revamping of KVIC

3200. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Khadi an Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is proposed to be revamped;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any assessment was made on the performance of KVIC;

(d) if so, the details thereof including the profits generated/loss incurred by village industries in the country during each of the last three years;

(e) whether Government propose to take any fresh steps to promote Khadi and Village Industries in the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) to (c) In the National Common Minimum Programme, the Government had declared to revamp the Khadi and Village Industries, Commission (KVIC). This was necessitated mainly because of the decline in employment in the khadi sector and nearly stagnant sale of khadi over the years,the need to modernize the management practices in the KVIC and make the khadi products competitive in the market economy and to facilitate generation of employment opportunities in the rural areas through the schemes, projects and other activities of the KVIC. Towards this

objective, the Government constituted a ten-member Expert Committee to review the existing structure, functioning, performance, etc. of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission and make suitable recommendations. On the basis of the recommendations of the Expert Committee, "The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2005", to amend the Khadi and Village Industries Commission Act, 1956 was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 22nd August, 2005. Further Action of the Bill has also been initiated taking into account the recommendations of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry on this Bill.

(d) Information on profit/loss account of village industries is not maintained Centrally. The details of the production, sales and employment in the village industries sector during the last 3 years are as under:

Year	Production (Rs. crore)	Sales (Rs. crore)	Employment (lakh persons)
2002-03	8126.30	9615.71	57.87
2003-04	9228.27	10988.17	62.58
2004-05	10458.89	12487.35	68.14

(e) and (f) The Central Government has recently approved the Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI). This Scheme envisages the development of 100 clusters in the khadi, coir and village industries sector over five years beginning 2005-06. The guidelines of SFURTI are available on the website of the Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries at http://ari.nic.in.

Schemes for poor people

3201. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes which rural poor people can avail themselves of without running after bank-loans;

(b) whether Government are going to introduce some of the schemes that would depend only on Government grants to encourage the entrepreneurs in respect of village industries;

(c) whether Government are going to take up a good portion of REGP Schemes in order to finance them out of the Government fund, but not out of bank, loans in respect of village industries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?